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FOR UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON

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SUBJ: PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE; SWISS CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN GROUP OF 27 AT RESUMED DIALOGUE

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1. THE FEDERAL COUNCIL HAS DIRECTED THAT SWITZERLAND PUT FORWARD ITS CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP AMONG THE EIGHT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE RESUMED DIALOGUE. AMBASSADOR JACOBI, DELEGATE FOR TRADE AGREEMENTS, IS EXPECTED TO RAISE THIS ISSUE IN HIS MEETING WITH THE UNDERSECRETARY ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 5. #

2. THE SWISS ARGUMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP IS NOT, WE ARE TOLD, BASED ON POLITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC FACTORS BUT RATHER ON THEIR DESIRE TO ASSURE REPRESENTATION OF A FAIR SAMPLE OF ALL INTERESTS. SWITZERLAND, THEY BELIEVE, HAS A PARTICULARLY STRONG CASE DUE TO SWITZERLAND'S SPECIAL POSITION IN TRADE AND FINANCE. THE SWISS ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE SOLUTION OF "A CHAIR FOR NEUTRALS." THE REASONS FOR SWISS MEMBERSHIP ARE NOT RELATED TO THE ISSUE OF NEUTRALITY, BUT RATHER TO SWITZERLAND'S PARTICULAR SITUATION.

3. THE SWISS ARE NOT ADVOCATING EXPANSION OF THE NUMBERS OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED. THEY FULLY ACCEPT THE VALIDITY OF THE REASONS FOR KEEPING THE NUMBER AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE. BUT THEY CANNOT SEE HOW SWISS INTERESTS COULD BE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED THROUGH A THIRD PARTY, AND THEREFORE INTEND TO PRESS HARD FOR INCLUSION AMONG THE EIGHT.

4. WE ARE TOLD THAT WHILE AMBASSADOR JACOBI WILL PRESENT THE SWISS CASE ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 3, HE HAS NOT BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE SWISS POSITION ON DIRECT PARTICIPATION.

5. THE SWISS WILL APPROACH DAVIGNON ON THIS ISSUE SHORTLY, IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

6. ANOTHER IEA ISSUE JACOBI MAY RAISE, ALTHOUGH THIS IS MUCH LESS LIKELY, IS THE QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP ON THE FOUR COMMISSIONS. THE SWISS HAVE MADE KNOWN THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THIS QUESTION, MOST RECENTLY AT THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD ON AUGUST 25. ONCE AGAIN, THEY RECOGNIZE AND CONCUR IN THE DESIRE TO KEEP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE COMMISSIONS AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE. BUT THEY DO NOT SEE HOW FIVE COUNTRIES CAN ADEQUATELY REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. THEY POINT OUT THAT FOR THE COMMISSION ON COMMODITIES, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY ASSUME THAT THE U.S., THE E.C., JAPAN AND CANADA WILL BE REPRESENTED. WHICH COUNTRY, THEY ASK, WOULD REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THOSE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS THAT ARE PURELY CONSUMERS OF RAW MATERIALS? THE

PROBLEM BECOMES EVEN MORE ACUTE FOR THE COMMISSION WHICH IS TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. THE SWISS ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE VIEWS OF THE U.S. AS TO WHAT COUNTRIES IT ENVISAGES AS APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY INTERESTS ON THE COMMISSIONS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER GUIDANCE THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION RAISED IN PARAGRAPH 6.
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